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SUBJ: LENINGRAD JEWISH EMIGRATION

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1. ANOTHER LONG-TIME LENINGRAD REFUSENIK, YAKOV EPSHTEIN, WAS GRANTED PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE ON SEPTEMBER 24. ALSO OBTAINING PERMISSION TO LEAVE WITH EPSHTEIN WERE HIS WIFE, DAUGHTER, AND MOTHER-IN-LAW. LOCAL REFUSENIKS REGARD EPSHTEIN'S PERMISSION, AS THEY DID THAT OF RAINUS A WEEK EARLIER, A POSITIVE SIGN (REF A).

2. SAME SOURCES REGARD THE JEWISH NEW YEAR SERVICE AT THE LENINGRAD SYNAGOGUE AS DECOROUS. ALTHOUGH POLICE AND STATE VEHICLES WERE IN EVIDENCE NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE SYNAGOGUE, THERE WAS NOT THE SAME DEGREE POLICE HARASSMENT EXPERIENCED IN PAST YEARS. SOURCE, WHO ATTENDED THE CEREMONY, THINKS CROWD OF WORSHIPPERS, ALTHOUGH PREDOMINANTLY ELDERLY, LARGER THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

3. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, SOURCES REPORT IT WILL BECOME MORE DIFFICULT TO KEEP TRACK OF EXIT VISA REFUSALS SINCE OVIR, IN KEEPING WITH POLICY ADOPTED EARLY IN YEAR OF ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IN RAYON OVIR OFFICES, HAS NOW BEGUN TO ISSUE REFUSALS THERE ALSO. IN THE PAST REFUSALS HAVE BEEN HANDED DOWN IN FRIDAY SESSIONS AT THE CENTRAL LENINGRAD OVIR OFFICE

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